



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

- WHEREAS: Nurse practitioners (NPs) are advanced practiced registered nurses who serve as trusted frontline providers of health care for patients. Nurse practitioners possess advanced medical training and clinical education beyond their initial registered nurse preparation; and
- WHEREAS: For more than 50 years, nurse practitioners have worked to improve the health and well-being of Georgia citizens. These individuals diagnose, treat, and prescribe medications and other treatments to patients using a patient-centered and holistic model of care; and
- WHEREAS: There are 234,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States and more than 10,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the State of Georgia who provide primary, acute, and specialty care to patients; and
- WHEREAS: Nurse practitioners are playing an increasingly important role as primary health caregivers for millions of Americans. Nurse practitioners combine clinical expertise in diagnosing and treating health conditions with an added emphasis on disease prevention and health management to assess patients, interpret diagnostic tests, make diagnoses, and initiate and manage treatment plans; and
- WHEREAS: By better utilizing the skills of nurse practitioners, we are creating a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective, and higher quality health care system; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 12–18, 2017, as NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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